



**MOTORCYCLING NSW LIMITED  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
HELD AT 67 HIGH STREET, HARRIS PARK  
ON THURSDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**

**PRESENT:** Christine TICKNER Chairperson  
Dave MORGAN  
Chris PRICE  
Ian PACKER  
Greg MOSS

**APOLOGIES:**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Daniel Gatt General Manager

**Meeting Opened:** 6.30 pm

The Chairperson opened the first meeting for the year and thanked all for attending. She made mention of recent comment made by the delegate for Panorama MCC at the final delegates meeting of 2007 who noted the number of Board Members who are regularly not attending the Delegate meetings. The Chairperson explained that the Delegate Meetings was a means for the members to address the Board and it is imperative that each Director makes themselves available to attend notwithstanding any reasonable excuse.

The Directors agreed to make a greater effort in attending the delegates meeting.

The Chairperson on behalf of the Board of Directors welcomed the new General Manager to his first meeting since commencing in his new position on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2008.

**B1.1 Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

**MOTION #1 The Minutes of the Directors Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 be received.**

**Carried**

- (a) Corrections  
Nil

**MOTION #2 The Minutes of the Directors Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> December 2007 are confirmed.**

**Carried**

- (b) Matters arising

Motion # 3 - D Morgan requested any further information relating to the Gobert issue. The GM informed the Directors that he had contacted the appointed inspector as per the Motion. He continued that the Inspector had confirmed his receipt of the correspondence sent and that he would attempt to expedite the proceedings as soon as possible. The GM further reported that the Inspector had also stated that Motorcycling Victoria had not submitted a response to date as requested and that any further correspondence from MNSW in regards to this matter should be directed to MA rather than to him directly.



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B10.3.1 – The Directors requested clarification on whether the club affiliation application form is still on the MA website. The GM could not be certain but it was his understanding that it had been removed.

## **B1.2 The December 2007 Financial Report**

**MOTION #3 The MNSW Limited December 2007 Financial Report be received**

**Carried**

The Directors reviewed the financial report. There were no questions.

**MOTION #4 The MNSW Limited December 2007 Financial Report be approved.**

**Carried**

### **B1.2.1 Accounts Reconciliation**

The Chairperson inspected the Cheques Register for December 2007 and advised that in her opinion the report was satisfactory.

**MOTION #5 That the Cheque Register for December 2007 of \$113,797.60 be approved.**

**Carried**

## **B1.3 General Business**

**B1.3.1 General Managers Report** - For the information of the Directors, the GM presented a verbal report on a number of issues that were currently being undertaken in the office

**B1.3.1(a) Speedway Gates** – The GM advised the meeting that the Speedway gates that were loaned to MA and Motorcycling South Australia (MSA) to be used at the FIM Gold Cup Sidecar meeting in South Australia had finally been returned to MNSW. It was reported that the gates had been extensively damaged whilst in the possession of MA and MSA and would require significant repair to rectify them. The GM advised that he had sent correspondence to the CEO of MA and the President of Motorcycling South Australia outlining the damage and the expectation that MA would reimburse MNSW for the entire cost of repair.

**B1.3.1(b) 350cc Speedway Machines** – The Directors were informed of the 350cc Speedway Machines which were put on display for the first time at the 2007 NSW Solo Speedway Titles which were held at Central Coast Speedway in Gosford. They were also informed that Tamworth MCC had taken possession of the bikes after that event and would be giving them their first intended use the following weekend. The Directors expressed their pleasure in the machines being utilised. The GM continued that it was his opinion that a trailer should be designed to house the Speedway Bikes as well as other equipment when in transit to satisfy the requirements for insurance.

**MOTION #4 That MNSW purchases an enclosed trailer for transportation of the 350cc Speedway machines.**

**Carried**

**B1.3.1(c) Proposed sale of transponders to WEM** – The GM had attempted to contact Williams Event Management to ascertain a position on the offer made to them regarding the purchase of transponders from MNSW. WEM were still on holidays and unable to be contacted.

**B1.3.1 (d) Seminar Report** – The Directors were presented with a report from the GM regarding the participation rate at seminars for 2007. A number of recommendations were presented which the Board considered were worth further investigation.

**B1.3.1(e) MA Dirt Track Forum Temora** - The GM informed the Directors that a Dirt Track forum has been organised by the Chairman of the MA Dirt Track Commission in the Riverina area of NSW. The Directors, the GM and the Chairperson of the MNSW Dirt Track Sports Committee were invited to attend by the Commissioner. The Directors agreed this would be beneficial and several Directors indicated a willingness to attend.

**B1.3.2 Oran Park Subdivision** – The GM tabled a list of names that had been supplied to him by Mr Jeff Bolous of Oran Park. The names were to be included in a submission by Oran Park to the council for streets to be named in honour of those on the list when the venue is redeveloped for residential use in the near future. The Directors were requested to consider any other names to be added to the list that held significance to MNSW, Oran Park and any of the road racing disciplines. The GM would forward them to Oran Park on the Directors behalf.

**B1.3.3 Correspondence from Mr J Langfield** – Mr Langfield requested the Board of Directors consider financial assistance in relation to his appeal to the Appellate Body. The appeal is against the finding of the Arbitration and Disciplinary Tribunal. The appeal was being held to address issues arising from a Dirt Track meeting held in Gunnedah where Mr Langfield was the appointed Steward.

**MOTION #5 That Mr Langfield be reimbursed for the cost of accommodation and fuel to attend the hearing of the Appellate Body to be held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2008.**

**Carried**

**B1.3.4 Correspondence Mr L Papa** – The Directors were presented with a request from Mr Papa regarding leniency in relation to the current licence suspension of his sons Liam and Andre, who are suspended as a result of the actions of their Entrant at a race meeting. The Directors determined that the suspension must stand as it was handed down by the Appellate Body and the Directors are not authorised to overturn it. The GM is instructed to respond to Mr Papa accordingly.

**B1.3.5 Policy Review** – A number of issues were presented to the Board of Directors relating to some unclear policies practiced in the past or policies that were assumed but never formalised or noted. The GM requested that he be permitted to construct written policies after instruction from the Directors and have each policy on file to be made available to clubs upon request. It was requested that these policies would be written as required in the future to give clubs and promoters a better understanding of the policies that MNSW have. The GM raised a number of issues for discussion and will format the policies for the Directors consideration at future meetings. The current intended policies are in relation to Freestyle permits, Practice Day permits, Supercross Schools and Calendar composition.

**B1.3.6 Redline Media** – The GM presented a brief overview of the performance of Redline Media in 2007. Redline Media supplies advertising for affiliated clubs. Redline Media arranges for local print and radio media to promote and advertise clubs who are hosting open events of all disciplines. The initiative which commenced two years ago has proven to be a success and although the cost is considerable as it is offered to clubs by MNSW at no fee, the Directors believe it is worthwhile and should be continued in 2008.

**MOTION #6 That the existing arrangement to Redline Media to provide advertising for affiliated clubs hosting open events to continue in 2008.**

**Carried**

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**B1.3.6 Correspondence from the Moto-Trials Administrators** – The MNSW Moto-Trials Sports Committees submitted an application to alter the required number of entries to be considered a State Title class for the Trials Sidecars. The Moto-Trials committee is hoping to attract these machines to an event to raise funds for Mr Howard Wallace who is a stalwart of the Trials discipline and who is battling a serious illness. It is the opinion of the Administrators that by allowing this to be a State Championship class it will offer the meeting prestige and encourage entries.

**MOTION #7 That for the Howard Wallace Fundraising meeting in 2008 only, Trails Sidecars will be a State Championship class pursuant to the following condition – that if 3 sidecars enter the meeting only 1st place will be awarded, if 4 sidecars enter the meeting, 1st and 2nd will be awarded places. 5 or more sidecars will be required for the traditional 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places to be awarded. Less than 3 sidecars entered will not be a sufficient number of entries to constitute a state Championship.**

Carried

**B1.3.7 Payroll and Staff Wages** – The GM requested that MNSW engages the services of an external company to facilitate the payment of wages to the staff. He sighted his concern over the lack of privacy offered to staff under the current system. The GM recommended that Payroll Preparations be engaged to conduct the service, a quotation for services was presented.

A review of the current wages of MNSW staff was placed upon the agenda for discussion. The GM offered that it was his opinion that this was not a function of the Board of Directors and need not be discussed. The Board of Directors controls the wages paid by approving the total wages amount provided in the annual budget. The administration of that wages budget is the responsibility of the GM. The Directors discussed the issue specifically and other similar related issues which arose as a result.

**MOTION #8 That the Directors responsibility is to create policy to direct the Sport and review the performance of the General Manager. The main responsibility of the GM is to implement the policies and procedures that the Board of Directors sees appropriate and work within the boundaries set by the Board. That the GM would refer to the Board of Directors for advice and guidance when requested and the Board would not involve itself in matters of Administration unless requested by the GM. All agreed to continue strong communication to implement the motion.**

Carried

**B1.3.8 Archiving of records in storage** – The Directors were informed of a significant amount of paper records that are currently being stored at MNSW. To best preserve these records for future uses such as insurance claims or legal proceedings, the GM presented a number of options involving archiving these records to an electronic format. A number of quotes were presented to engage an external company or to purchase a scanner and subcontract a person or company that would use the scanner to accomplish this task. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION #9 That MNSW would purchase a scanner at the recommendation of the GM and would enter into a short term subcontract agreement to facilitate the scanning of the records and archiving them to disc.**

Carried

**B1.3.9 Correspondence from the Office Manager re Moto Mayhem** – After meeting with Mr Mark Avard and Ms Trish Hollis from Avars Supermoto Productions, the Office Manager provided a number of recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the conduct of this meeting and her opinion on the restrictions and allowances that should be made to ensure safety for all involved. The Directors considered the proposal and agreed with the recommendations made, subject to clarification on the definition of a scooter for the proposed scooter race.

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**B1.3.10 Correspondence from Mr A McNeice** – an email from Mr Allan McNeice was read to the meeting. The correspondence indicated he would be prepared to provide Director Mr C Price with any information that he sought, specifically the correspondence sent to the Chairperson previously. The correspondence continued that Mr Price was welcome to collect the information from Mr McNeice' home address personally and listed his contact details. The email was presented to the meeting; Mr Price indicated that an MNSW inspector had now been appointed, the need for the information is no longer relevant and that the matter was out of his hands. He added that Mr McNeice could not provide a guarantee that the information he has offered to provide is complete and in total and that Mr Price was listed within the local phone book and should Mr McNeice wish to contact him and discuss it, he was able to do so as he had done so on another occasion involving a different matter.

**B1.3.11 Officials reports from Central Coast Speedway meeting 27/12/07** – The Directors were presented with the referees report and the Clerk of Course report a meeting held at Central Coast Speedway on the 27<sup>th</sup> December 2007. Both reports made reference to the medical services present at the meeting and the response time to address an injured rider. The Directors noted the correspondence.

With no further business the meeting was closed at 11.30pm